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Ms. Jocelyn D. Boyd Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

In re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order Docket No. 2018-319--E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed please find for filing and consideration in the above docket the Petition to Intervene on behalf of Sierra Club, together with Certificate of Service.

With kind regards I am

Robert Guild

Encl.s

CC: All Parties

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#### **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**DOCKET NO. 2018-319-E** 

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#### PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to R.103-825 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations, Sierra Club hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of this petition, Sierra Club states as follows:

- 1. On November 8, 2018, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates, charges, and tariffs and for an accounting order ("Application").
- 2. On November 28, 2018, the Commission issued a Revised Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Deadlines setting a February 1, 2019 deadline for petitions to intervene. Sierra Club's Petition to Intervene, therefore, is timely filed.
- 3. Sierra Club is a national environmental organization whose mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. In furtherance of this mission, Sierra Club works to accelerate the transition from

fossil fuels to clean energy solutions and advocates for state and federal policies and industry action to achieve this transition. Sierra Club has a long history of working to reduce pollution from coal-fired power plants and promoting clean energy sources in the Southeast.

- 4. The Club has participated as intervenors in multiple proceedings before the Commission, including, most recently, docket nos. 2018-322-E, 2018-321-E, 2017-370-E, 2017-305-E, 2017-207-E, 2016-223-E, 2015-103-E, 2015-55-E, 2015-54-E, and 2015-53-E.
- 5. Sierra Club and its more than 26,800 members who live in North and South Carolina—many of whom are customers of DEC—have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. The Company has sought to increase its monthly basic facilities charges as well as to generally increase its rates and seeks to justify the requested rate increase by identifying costs incurred in connection with the cleanup of its coal ash disposal sites. The Company's request implicates Sierra Club's organizational mission and interests. Moreover, Sierra Club's members who receive electricity service at their homes and businesses from the Company will be affected by the decisions of the Commission in this and future related proceedings.
- 6. Sierra Club and its members have an interest in ensuring that the rate structures approved by the Commission advance the important objectives of promoting cost-saving clean energy, efficiencies, and distributed generation, and avoiding disproportionate and unreasonable burdens on low-income South Carolinians. No other party will adequately represent Sierra Club's interests in this case.
- 7. Sierra Club seeks to intervene in this proceeding to ensure that its organizational interests and those of its members are represented in the Commission's decision-making process regarding the Company's request for a rate increase and changes to the existing rate structure.

Sierra Club's involvement in this proceeding will promote its members' interests as well as the broader public interest.

- 8. The address of the Sierra Club's principal office in South Carolina is 1314 Lincoln Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.
- 9. Pursuant to R.103-804(T) and R.103-805 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations, counsel representing Sierra Club in this proceeding is:

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10. Sierra Club consents to service via electronic mail and requests that all communications regarding this docket should be directed to Sierra Club's counsel of record and:

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WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray that they be allowed to intervene as a party of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 28 th day of January, 2019.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the persons listed on the official service list for Docket No. 2018-319-E, listed below, a copy of the Petition to Intervene of Sierra Club via electronic mail on this day, January 28, 2019.

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